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## Scripture of the Week

### LUKE 2: 13, 14

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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# No indictment for sheriff, jailers In Sandra Bland case

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

On Monday, December 21, a Waller County Grand Jury decided that no felony crime was committed by the Waller County Sheriff's Office or Waller County jailers in the treatment of Illinois native Sandra Bland. Grand jurors considered evidence collected by a team of special prosecutors named by Waller County District Attorney, Elton Mathis.

The secret grand jury proceedings included the findings of a Texas Rangers' investigation.

Darrell Jordan, one of the special prosecutors on the case, stated that after the grand jury was presented

with all the evidence as it relates to the death of Bland, there was no indictment. The grand jury met on Monday, December 21 for about 11 hours, and considered all things that occurred during the traffic stop, her arrest and time spent in jail and cleared jail employees of criminal wrongdoing.

Jordan said grand jurors will reconvene on January 6 to consider other matters related to the case.

Waller County District Attorney Mathis stated, "The grand jury is working diligently to review the facts and events surrounding the arrest and death of Sandra Bland. They have recessed for the Christmas holidays and will reconvene after the first of the year.

The public can be assured that these matters are receiving the scrutiny that was promised last summer."

Sandra Bland's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the Texas Department of Public Safety, arresting officer Brian Encinia, Waller County, and two jailers. The trial date has been set by a U.S. District Judge for January 23, 2017.

Bland, age 28, was found dead in a Waller County Jail cell on July 13, 2015, three days after she was pulled over and arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Brian Encinia. An autopsy determined that her death was the result of suicide by hanging.

## Changes debated in early voting locations for March 1 Primary

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

On Wednesday, December 16, the Waller County Commissioners Court met at 9 a.m. in regular session at the Waller County Courthouse. Waller County Judge Trey Duhon conducted the meeting attended by Commissioners John Amsler, Russell Klecka, Jeron Barnett, and Justin Beckendorf.

Elections Administrator Dan Teed addressed the court on his concerns about reducing early voting locations, stating that he feared the Election's Office would be inundated with complaints.

However, both the Democratic Chair, Ben Tibbs, and the Republican Party Chair, Wallace Koennig, presented their plan for having only two early voting locations--the Waller County Courthouse and the Brookshire Library--as what they believed to be the most viable option. Both chairs stated that there is often too much confusion

when early polling locations are at various locations throughout the county and open on different days with different hours.

As a solution, both party chairs felt that having only two locations, each open on Monday-Friday for the two weeks before the March 1 primary, would create more stability and fewer complaints.

Commissioner Amsler stated that for the two party chairs to be in complete agreement was an "historic moment in Waller County."

Although some concern was expressed about having fewer polling locations, ultimately the court voted unanimously to approve the party chair's plan as presented.

However, the decision resulted in many voters complaining about the reduction in locations. So the matter will be up for discussion again at the next

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Jolly Ol' Saint Nick paid a visit to Waller ISD's E. Turlington Elementary and I.T. Holleman Elementary Schools the first week of December to take pictures with students and share in the joy of the season. Students gathered in front of the beautifully decorated holiday tree in the school to take turns sitting on Santa's lap. They posed for pictures and quietly shared their wish lists for the upcoming holiday with the joyous man in the red suit. Pictured are excited Holleman students in Nerva Rios' bilingual pre-kindergarten class after they each had a turn telling Santa what they hope to find under their tree this holiday season. *WISD Public Information.*

## Rare full moon expected for Christmas Day

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

It hasn't happened since 1977, but this year the moon will be full at Christmas. According to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, it will be full at 5:11 a.m. CST on December 25. A Christmas full moon will not happen again until 2034. In fact, the moon will be so bright that Rudolph might be able to take a year off from guiding Santa's annual trek around the world.

December's full moon, according to the Farmer's Almanac, is called the Full Cold Moon. The moon will be entirely illuminated at 5:11 a.m., so you'll see the brightest moon on either side of that time. The December full moon rises around sunset and sets around sunrise; this is the only night in the month when the moon is in the sky all night long. The rest of the month, the moon spends at least some time in the daytime sky.

This full moon comes three days after



the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, the winter solstice, which occurs on Tuesday, December 22. The December full moon will also have a long arc and a high trajectory across the sky.

Sky watchers may also be interested in checking out the sky about a half-hour after sunset on December 29, when Mercury will be well placed for observation in the western sky.

Full moons and lore often go hand in hand. In fact, an artist's painting of Santa and his eight reindeer flying across a full moon is one of the iconic depictions of the season.

A iconic painting by renowned American artist Thomas Kinkaid depicts an image of Santa flying over a full moon as seen in the classic Christmas film "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation". *Internet photo.*

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# Waller Wonders – *Ham on the hoof*

By NANCY ARNOLD



So, tell me if something like this has ever happened to you.

My boss was in my office the other day, standing by my desk munching on my cookies. I don't really blame him. These were those yummy butter cookies packaged in the blue tin (the one that morphs into a sewing box or some such). By the way, these cookies are made in CHI-NA! Who knew? To borrow a phrase from the potato chip people, nobody can eat just one, no matter where they're from.

Anyway, he's talking and stuffing cookies in his mouth when he suddenly yells "HOG!" I thought to myself: "How rude!

He's eating MY cookies and he calls ME a hog!"

But then he runs out of my office and heads down the hall toward the back door. Well, naturally I had to follow.

I met him as he came back inside the building, and he was as excited as a kid on Christmas morning. Turns out he had seen a feral hog streaking across our lawn just outside my window.

Oh, lordy! Those creatures are nocturnal, and I get here in the morning around daybreak, and I leave in the evening around dark. The squirrels that run amok around this place scare the whey out of me as I come and go. I'd probably die of fright on the spot if confronted with 300 pounds of thundering wild pork.

To tell the truth, I didn't realize we even had feral hogs on our grounds. I should have, I suppose. In the last two years, I've seen two hog carcasses on nearby roads during my morning commute. Big ugly animals. I REALLY don't want to encounter one in our parking lot!

To orient you, I work in Cypress, just about a mile north of Cy-Fair High School. Our 100-acre facility is bordered by Spring Creek to the south. This property was carved out of a dense thicket back in 1985, and most of that thicket remains. Apparently it harbors feral hogs.

Our company president showed up while my boss and I were nattering on about the hog. He said, oh, yeah, we've had a guy in to trap 'em; he's taken about 15 out of here. Again, something I didn't know, and not too sure I wanted to know.

This trapper captures the hogs and sells them to a hunting compound where rich guys in helicopters hunt them. The meat is then processed and donated to food banks. Or at least that's how we understand our part of this food chain.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), feral hogs are domestic hogs that either escaped, or were released for hunting purposes 'way back when. With each generation (and I'll tell you about that in a minute), the domestic characteristics diminish and they develop the traits needed for survival in the wild. In case you're wondering, the feral hog and the javelina are not related. In fact, the javelina isn't even swine; it's another kind of mammal.

How big are feral hogs?

They stand around 36 inches at the shoulder, and weigh anywhere from 100-400 pounds. The boars, of course, are bigger than the sows. Yikes!

So let's talk about their breeding. I'll quote directly from TPWD: "Feral hogs are capable of breeding at six months of age (emphasis mine), but eight to ten months is normal, provided there is good nutrition. Under poor habitat conditions, sows have been known to eat their young."

"Gestation is around 115 days with an average litter size of four to six, but under good conditions (a sow) may have ten to twelve young. While capable of producing two litters per year, research has shown the majority of sows have only one per year. Young may be born throughout the year with peak production in the early spring. The young are born with a 1:1 male to female sex ratio. Feral hogs generally travel in family groups called sounders, comprised normally of two sows and their young. Mature boars are usually solitary, only joining a herd to breed."

Again from TPWD: "Feral hogs are omnivorous, meaning they eat both plant and animal matter. Foods include grasses, forbs, roots and tubers, browse, acorns (we have bushels of acorns on our property), fruits, bulbs, and mushrooms. Animal matter includes invertebrates (insects, snails, earthworms, etc.), reptiles, amphibians, and carrion (dead animals), as well as live mammals and birds if given the opportunity. Feral hogs feed primarily at night and during twilight hours, but will also feed during daylight in cold or wet weather."

Finally, are they dangerous, and should I be concerned about encountering our hog in the parking lot some evening? Short answer: yes. Like most wild animals, the feral hog prefers to run and escape perceived danger (that could be me screaming and leaping about in a panic). However, if they think there's danger to their young, or if they're just having a bad day, those sharp tusks can do some serious damage to a person. You did note that they are omnivorous, right?

Just when I thought it was safe to be outside, now that the mosquitos are going dormant, I have feral hogs to contend with. There's always something ...

Happy anniversary to Jimmy and Brittany Rodgers, Tom

and Kathi Chavez, Jack and Susan Harris, John and Mary Roberson, Jimmy and Jackie Bundrant, and Roger and Karen Frey (celebrating 30 years).

We wrap up December birthdays and head into January with Pam Saladino, Victoria Hatcher, Nita Jean Phillips, Lillian Lee Storz, Calan Boettcher, Chris Perry, Colron Shamblin, Lonnie Mikeska, Sr., Marlin Hart, Kyley Bennett, Mary Ann Weisner, Michelle Harrison Strong, John Pinheiro, Robert Paben, Douthitt Briggs III, Mary Sledge, Ben Fritzsching, Jill Young, Becky Hyatt, George Russell, Tyler Garrett Storz, Jeannette Naegeli Koenig, Melba Bryant, Garrett Evans, Quinn Gordon Niebergall, Kathy Friedel, Michelle Taylor, Sonny Tisdale, Eudora Marburger, Holly McReavy, Sam Henry Garrett, Talon Bundrant, Haley Nicole Rollings, Melanee Eloise Elizalde (13 already!), and Javier Silva, Jr.

Bro. Lowell Thompson, 87, long-time former pastor of Waller Baptist Church, and an ordained Baptist minister for over 60 years, passed away suddenly

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## This Christmas, may the force be with us

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



This Christmas, in a world full of chaos and uncertainty, a new Star Wars film--Star Wars: The Force Awakens, plunges onto movie screens across the world. The Star Wars series depicts the eternal struggle between good and evil, and unlike many films,

allows good to achieve the upper hand.

I have always been a Star Wars fan since the premiere of the original when I was a young college student. I watched the first Star Wars, marveling at the creativity of George Lucas and the out-of-this-world settings he so realistically created. My partiality to the series of films continued when my oldest son, Zachary, as a young boy, became fascinated with the series. To this day, he still possesses many of the models from the film which he proudly displays in his living room.

No, we are not one of those crazies lining up for days to see the new movie, but see it we will, and we look forward to it. In fact, early reviews highly praise this new addition, touting it as the



Star Wars Premiere, Los Angeles, California.

best since the original.

After all, Star Wars possesses all the qualities of a great tale. For if a band of rebels can defeat the powerful Evil Empire, there is hope. I always likened the story to our own American Revolution, when a ragtag band of colonial Americans fought and defeated the mighty British Empire, bringing about the most glorious nation the world has ever known.

In fact, when the original Star Wars was released in 1977, the world was still deep in a "Cold War" between the ideologies of freedom and democracy in the West and that of totalitarian dictatorships, like that of the former Soviet Union. President Ronald Reagan even referred to the Soviet Union as the "Evil Empire", which ironically, just like the dark side in the movie, collapsed a lit-

tle over 10 years after Star Wars was released.

And you've got to admire George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, who marched back through the looking glass to create the simplicity of the pre-1960's Golden Age of cinema. Star Wars emerged from the decadence of the sex-drugs-and rock'n'roll generation to bring back old-fashioned good-versus-evil storytelling to the big screen.

Lucas developed Star Wars as a homage to the serial matinee adventures of his childhood, by creating a fast-paced sci-fi drama that has become the quintessential American mythology. Many call Star Wars an American take on King Arthur or Tolkien, all dressed-up in the space-opera trappings of Buck Rogers or Flash Gordon. Star Wars scenes are also reminiscent of WWII movie dog-fights, Nazi villains and saloon shootouts of the traditional American western.

At the time, Lucas realized that there was no modern use of mythology in film, especially with the Western dying, which was the last generically American fairy tale faithful to traditional values. Wanting to recreate a morally themed action adventure, Lucas embarked on a study of mythology under the tutelage of Joseph Campbell, a worldwide authority on the topic.

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## News Briefs

### The Waller Times Christmas/NYE closures

The Waller Times will be closed for the Christmas and New Years holidays beginning on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 12 noon - Friday, January 1, 2016. The offices will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016. The deadline for all advertising and news articles for the Wednesday, December 30 edition is Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 12 noon. The deadline for all advertising and news articles for the Wednesday, January 6 edition is Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 12 noon. All advertising and news articles should be emailed to wallertimes@sbcglobal.net. The staff of The Waller Times wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year with family and friends.

### CALH to hold New Years Eve party

Celebrate New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 2015, at the KC Hall in Hempstead with prime rib dinner and dance to a Tribute to George Strait by Derek Spence and special guest, Chris Brade. Tickets are available at Steinhauer's in Hempstead and Carl's BBQ in Waller or by calling 713-254-2275. All proceeds will benefit Citizens Against the Landfill in Hempstead (CALH). For further information, please visit StopHwy6Landfill.com.

### WISD schools, offices closure announced

Waller ISD schools and offices will be closed for Winter Break December 21 through January 1. The Waller ISD Tax Office will be open on Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Employees will return to work on Monday, January 4 and students will return to school Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

### Junior Fair Board interviews available

The Interviewing/Selection Process for the 2016 Waller County Junior Fair Board has been set for Monday, January 12, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Barbara Carpenter Building at the Waller County Fairgrounds. All current 10th grade and 11th grade students from any Waller County FFA or 4-H club are encouraged to come. Parents are asked to be present to understand what will be asked of the incoming Junior Fair Board members during a short informational meeting and then go straight into interviews. For more information or to have the application papers be emailed, please contact Linda Randall @ lul081276@yahoo.com or 832-279-8464 or contact Julie Abke @ jcabke@gmail.com or 281-507-0555.

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## Waller Police Department activity Dec. 10 - Dec. 16

Waller Police Department officers responded to 38 calls for service resulting in eight incident reports. 105 Safe Holiday Business checks were initiated. Additionally, officers completed four motor vehicle crash reports.

On December 10, Offi-

cer Prudente responded to the 3000 block of Waller Street to investigate the report of a burglary of a habitation.

On December 11, Officer Floyd responded to the 40900 block of US 290 to investigate a motor vehicle crash with injuries.

On December 13, Sergeant Lopez responded to 31100 block of FM 2920 to investigate the report of hit and run.

On December 13, Sergeant Lopez responded to the 1700 block of Penick to investigate the report of indecent exposure.

On December 15, Officer Zuniga responded to the 3200 block of Business 290 to investigate a motor vehicle crash.

On December 16, Officer Prudente responded to the 3000 block of Waller Street to investigate the report of criminal mischief.

## TXDOT urges to plan for sober rides this holiday

The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges party goers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through January 1, 2016 and coincides with an increase in DUI patrols and enforcement.

"The holidays are a time of celebration and family, but they also require responsible decisions and planning if alcohol is involved," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one.

Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drinking and driving."

During last year's holiday season (December 1, 2014 - January 1, 2015) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities. This was nearly an 8-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" campaign is a statewide tour featuring an interac-

tive dodgeball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become less able to dodge incoming "snowballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting a contest on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts. Participants who tag up to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan

will be entered into a giveaway for a donated gift card from a retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue. To enter and learn more, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone, using mass transit, asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home, and staying put.

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## Texas Adds 16,300 Jobs in November

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in November with the addition 16,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the ninth month of job increases for Texas in 2015.

"Texas employers added 179,300 jobs over the past year, highlighting the diversity of the Texas economy and job market," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Job seekers are encouraged to pursue these opportunities with employers by contacting their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance."

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in November, up from 4.4 percent in October, and remained below the national average of 5.0 percent.

"I'm pleased to see that the Construction industry continued to see growth in Texas in November," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "This is a good indicator that the state's economy is growing and that job opportunities will continue to increase."

The Construction industry accounted for more than half of November's net job gains with the addition of 9,000 jobs, marking that industry's fourth straight month of growth. The Professional and Business Service industry also added jobs for the fourth month in a row, adding 5,500 positions in November.

"Texas employers continue to lead the good economic news

for our state," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "The fact that our state has added jobs for nine of the eleven months of 2015 is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas."

The Amarillo Metropolitan

Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 3.3 and 3.4 percent, respectively, in November.

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The weekend of November 6, the Waller High School UIL Academic team competed at Pflugerville High School in their first invitational meet of the year. Competition was fierce at the meet as the team competed against 31 schools from the North and Central regions of Texas. The Waller UIL team entered the new season fiercely, coming away with eight trophies.

The following are Waller ISD students who placed and their event: 1st place 9th grade Calculator and 3rd place 9th grade Number Sense, Laura

Duncan; 6th place Editorials, Kaven Xiong; 1st place Editorials, Imelda Pacheco; 5th place Spelling, Johana Pospisilova; 4th place Literary Criticism, Brant Lemons; 5th place Poetry Interpretation, Cassidy Kelly; 4th place Prose Interpretation, Kyle Bookout.

The Spelling team consisting of Johana Pospisilova, Ginny DeCoste, Abbie Leslie, and Nicole Garza placed second overall, and the Literary Criticism team consisting of Brant Lemons, Grace Stewart, Luna Simpson, and Haley West also placed second overall.

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Pictured are students preparing for their event at the Pflugerville High School Invitational Meet the weekend of November 6. WISD Public Information.

## VOTING

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meeting of the Waller County Commissioners Court, scheduled for Wednesday, December 23, at 9 a.m.

Waller County Economic Development Partnership Executive Director Vince Yokom made his quarterly report. Afterwards, the court voted unanimously to approve an agreement between Waller County and WCEDP for 2016 in which the quarterly payments to the WEDCP were increased from \$17,500 to \$20,000.

In other action, the court unanimously voted to increase

the Committed Fund Balance for construction from the current amount of \$3,500,000 to \$6,000,000, due to the many construction projects that will need to be tackled in 2016. County Auditor, Alan Younts, stated that the county is in good financial shape and that revenue exceeds expenses. The county has a \$16,882,184 fund balance at this time with \$7,215,054 allocated toward the Rainy Day Fund per policy. To view all county financial documents, go to [www.co.waller.tx.us](http://www.co.waller.tx.us) and click on the Financial Transparency tab.

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And the story Lucas created was remarkable. Star Wars has had an impact on generations of moviegoers. The Force, the Jedi Knights, Darth Vader, Yoda, Obi-Wan, Princess Leia, Luke Skywalker, lightsabers, and the Death Star hold a place in our imaginations that Americans can only describe as mythic.

And what about “the force”? “May the force be with you” is a common part of the lexicon in the “galaxy far, far way”, but it has also become an often used phrase in earthly language as well.

Lucas, when questioned in a 1999 interview with Bill Moyers about the meaning of “the force” said, “It’s designed to make young people think. Is there a God? How do we relate to God? Ultimately the force is the larger mystery in the universe and to use “the force” is to take a leap of faith. And isn’t that what God is all about?” Lucas went on to say that in all his films, he adhered to the Judeo-Christian tradition, touting the primacy of good over evil.

The force, of course, is not God, since it can be used by the Dark Side as well, similar to the way Satan uses his power on Earth to lead humanity to darkness.

George Lucas realized when he created Star Wars that morality was on a massive downward spiral, and that most of what kids saw on television had no moral value to speak of. So he created Star Wars, reminiscent of old classics like Superman, who “fought a never ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way.”

Of course, Star Wars isn’t a Christian film, but there are definite parallels that we can draw from the “force” and Lucas’ band of heroic characters. Central to the theme of Star Wars is the concept of love, portraying itself in the self-sacrificing actions of the Jedi, namely Luke and Anakin Skywalker, and most especially in Obi-Wan Kenobi. Star Wars doesn’t say it’s all about love, but it is. In that theme lies a similarity to Christianity, for “if I have not

love, I am nothing.” Lucas, of course, did not create the latest Star Wars film, The Force Awakens, having sold his franchise to Disney in 2012 for \$4 billion. Although he acts as a consultant, the new film was directed by J. J. Abrams, creator of the long-running hit TV show “Lost”, which ironically also was awash in the theme of the struggle of good vs. evil.

Last Monday, December 14, the premiere of Star Wars: The Force Awakens was larger than the Oscars. Four blocks of Hollywood Blvd., just outside the Mann Chinese Theater, was closed to traffic, starting four days before the premiere. According to reports, the movie is expected to be the biggest blockbuster in movie history, surpassing Avatar and Titanic.

So this Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, many are on edge as we seem to be living in a world increasingly embarked on a downward spiral into amoral chaos. However, we should achieve comfort in the hope that the baby Jesus offered to the world.

Like in Star Wars, there will

always be a conflict between the forces of good and evil, for as Jesus Himself said in Matthew 24:6-7, “And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nations shall rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom.”

But as Christians, just as in the movie Star Wars, we know that good will in the end conquer evil—that in the fulfillment of time, Jesus, who came to earth as a small baby, born in a manger in a remote Roman province, will return again in a cloud of glory.

As for me, I will enjoy the Christmas festivities with my family as we again marvel at God’s gift of His Son. But, without a doubt, sometime during the hustle and bustle of the season, we will take time to visit “a galaxy far, far away”.

May the force of God’s love be with you at Christmas and throughout the new year. Merry Christmas!

Contact Carrie at gidget2114@gmail.com for any questions or comments on her columns.

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# Waller ISD School Board December meeting held

## WISD Public Information

Holiday cheer was spread at the Waller ISD Board of Trustees Meeting on December 14 during

the performance of Christmas songs by the Waller ISD Community Chorus. The Chorus is directed by W.C. Schultz Junior High

School Choir Director, Donna Baskin, who led the talented singers in performing three songs.

Following the performance, Waller High School Varsity Cross Country Coach Julie Bonner introduced Tyler Rohrman who competed at the Regional Meet. Following the high school cross country recognition, Waller Junior High School Principal Eric Meldahl and Cross Country Coach Laurence Christie introduced the Waller Junior High Cross Country Seventh-Grade Boys team to be recognized for winning the Boys Cross Country District Champion-



Members from The Waller ISD Community Chorus spread holiday cheer to the attendees of the December 14 Waller ISD School Board of Trustees Meeting. WISD Public Information.

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# Waller Junior High October PROS



The October Waller Junior High School Principal's Recognition of Outstanding Students PROS recognition acknowledged 54 outstanding students. The students were recognized with an encouraging call home to their parents stating the positive behavior the student displayed. WISD Public Information.

**WISD Public Information**  
Waller Junior High Principal, Eric Meldahl announced 54 names of the October Principal's Recognition of Outstanding Students PROS. PROS is an incentive program that recognizes and rewards students who consistently set a good example for their peers by making good choices.

Teachers submit nominations to the principal each week of students who have exhibited leadership qualities in class throughout the month. At the end of the month, the students who were nominated are recognized by the principal and awarded with a personal thank you, an encouraging call home to share with parents the positive behavior displayed at school, a certificate of appreciation, and a coupon for a free slushy at lunch.

The October students that were recognized in this program are sixth-graders: Dalia Alvarado, Thanh Chiem, Nancy Esquivel, Leah Fraysur, Zack Glynn, Caleb Godfrey, Breanda Gonzalez, Katherine Gonzalez, Antonella Jabbour, Jonni Jameton, Fernanda Lara, Chloe Lewis, Michelle Medina, Claudia Monroe, Anthony Montoya, Brandon Piper, Brookelynn Resecker, Jesus Reyes, Reanna Rosalez, Kaylee Torres,

and Mariah Williams; seventh-graders: Marlies Garcia, Reagan Haynes, Jacob Lassetter, Ronique Lyons, Ingrid Machuca, Jaylon McCoy, Aracely Mendoza, Alex Nielsen, Gabriela Orobio, Jason Perry, Hugo Rodriguez, Amber Steele, Roxanne Tank and Eayana Walther; eighth-graders: Kayla Abreu, Rosa Belmonte, Alisa Bradley, Avery Brill, Angel Busby-Wilson, Yanel Delacruz, Rayna Gooden, Kasandra Gonzalez, Deysi Lopez, Iveth Martinez, Serenity Martinez, Fabiola Morales,

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## ARNOLD

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on Sunday morning after falling ill Saturday night. He is survived by his wife Betty, and daughters Theresa Hill, Shiela Thompson, and Beth Cryer, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great children. His daughter, Connie Hegar, and son, Austin Thompson, await him in Heaven.

Betty and the family would be comforted to hear from their Waller friends. The address is 46 Tusculum Road, Antioch, TN 37013.

Have a blessed Christmas. Until next week ...

Contact Nancy at [arnoldn@msn.com](mailto:arnoldn@msn.com), or mail news items to her at P. O. Box 282, Waller 77484.

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**December 8<sup>th</sup>** Holy Day of Obligation  
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8:30am Mass (Eng)  
7:00pm Mass (Sp.)

**December 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**  
Posadas - 7pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Eng)  
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**December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
Midnight Mass (Eng)  
8:30am Mass (Eng)  
10:30am Mass (Sp.)

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Holy Day of Obligation  
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**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
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**December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Blessing of the Christmas Tree**  
8:30am Mass (Eng) 10:30am Mass (Sp)  
5:00pm Christmas Concert

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10:30am Mass (Sp)  
12:30pm Mass (Eng)

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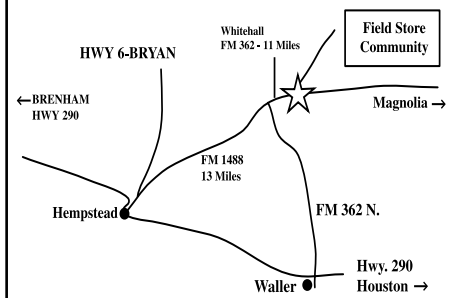
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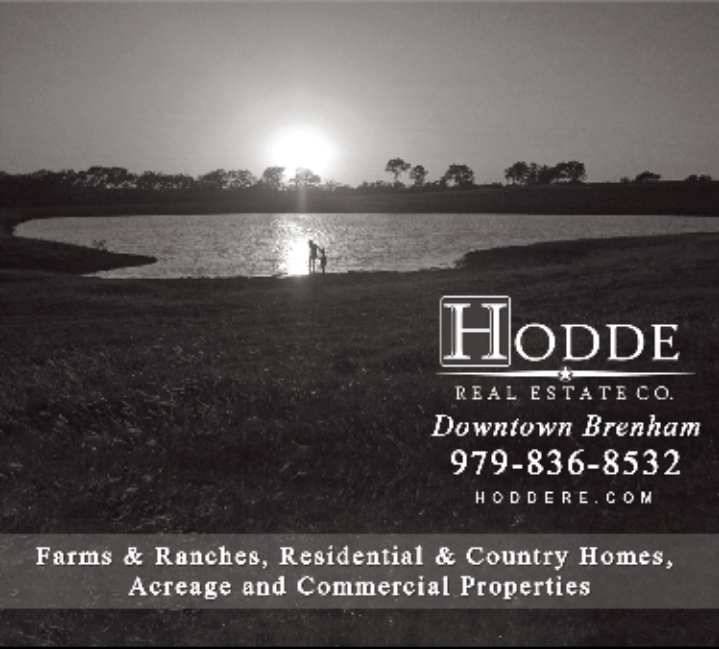
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4349 388 Acres, rail fencing, stables, 8 acre lake, irrigated hay field, tennis courts, main home shaded by majestic oaks.....\$4,225,000



4471 3-2 Brick home in wonderful country setting, pens, barn perfect for 4H or FFA project, carport and large deck for entertaining.....\$210,000



4449 Commercial building on 2 acres with Hwy frontage, all equipment included.....\$495,000

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4359 1-1-1 Brick home in Hempstead .....	\$69,000
4375 3-2 Home in town with a smaller home also on property.....	\$65,000
4391 5 Small homes on 3 city lots, investment potential .....	\$250,000
4441 3-2.1/2 Two story home on two and a half acres with mature trees, large island kitchen, gated entrance .....	\$495,000
4454 Nice brick 3-2 home on corner lot with large shade trees, fireplace, hardwood flooring ...	\$139,000

4448 40 Acres, Hwy 290 visible frontage, currently in ag use .....	\$1,408,400
4449 Commercial building on 2 acres with Hwy frontage, all equipment included .....	\$495,000
4451 42.5 Acres, scattered trees, corner property, can be divided .....	\$638,640
4452 3-3.1-3 Ranch style home with circle drive, fruit trees, workshop, cross fenced, recent roof, ag exempt .....	\$474,900
4455 11+ Acres, heavily wooded, secluded, lots of wildlife, Waller ISD .....	\$146,212
4464 15 Rolling acres with pond, main home has many updates, above ground pool and hot tub, 2 additional homes for rental income .....	\$650,000
4470 3 + Acres, FM frontage, Brookshire area, unrestricted.....	\$124,990
4471 3-2 Brick home in wonderful country setting, pens, barn perfect for 4H or FFA project, carport and large deck for entertaining.....	\$210,000
4472 Commercial or residential, Hwy 6 frontage, 7 acres, with manufactured home, 2 storage buildings, 2 car carport, unrestricted.....	\$219,000
4473 3-2.1-2 2 Story home with wrap around porch, oversized garage, barn with rollup doors and bunkhouse, seasonal creek, plenty of wildlife, beautiful large trees, secluded on 17 + acres.....	\$589,900
4474 34 Acres with frontage on 2 sides, live creek, pond, 6 stall horse barn with tack room and wash rack, 2 septic systems and a well .....	\$597,500
4477 3-2.1-2 4 Acres great for commercial development, FM 2920 frontage .....	\$958,320
4478 2 Acres, unrestricted, well and septic in place, community water also available, FM frontage .....	\$79,500
4479 4-3-2 Brick home on 2 acres, beautiful trees, pond, two fireplaces, fenced .....	\$235,000

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4088 80 Acres, barns, storage shed, lake, beautiful land .....	\$2,258,760
4267 9 Acres, FM 2920 frontage, excellent development location .....	\$1,300,000
4275 9+ Acres, Tomball area, ag exempt, FM 2920 frontage.....	\$750,000
4276 318 Acres, Peek Rd in Katy, excellent location.....	\$11,130,000
4309 Three lots with city utilities, curbs, close to schools and shopping.....	\$35,000
4349 388 Acres, rail fencing, stables, 8 acre lake, irrigated hay field, tennis courts, main home shaded by majestic oaks .....	\$4,225,000
4360 Corner lot in city with utilities.....	\$4,500
4374 10 Acres in subdivision, deed restrictions, Waller ISD.....	\$435,600
4386 160 Acres with lots of frontage, water well, FM frontage, could be divided .....	\$2,486,820
4411 Lots in City of Waller, corner property, scattered trees, recently cleared .....	\$27,900
4421 Beautiful 97 acres, brick home, barn, pond, scattered trees, close to Hwy. 290.....	\$2,764,500
4432 Unrestricted lot, commercial or residential, community water.....	\$165,000
4435 4-3-2 75 Acres, large scattered oaks, ag exempt, community water available .....	\$1,027,000
4437 3-2-1 Home, open floorpan, island kitchen on 4 acres, beautiful scattered tree .....	\$225,000
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